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## **SOUTH CAROLINA MAN APPEARS IN FEDERAL COURT TODAY ON CHARGES HE WANTED TO HAVE SEX WITH A MINOR**

Jacksonville, FL - Today James Edward Dove, age 27, of South Carolina, made his initial appearance in federal court before U.S. Magistrate Judge Monte Richardson on charges he traveled from South Carolina to Florida to engage in a sexual act with a person under the age of 16. Judge Richardson ordered Dove to remain in U.S. Marshal custody until his detention hearing scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on May 4, 2007. If convicted, Dove faces a maximum sentence of 15 years' imprisonment. Dove was arrested on state charges on April 17, 2007 and indicted on federal charges the following day.

This case is the result of a joint effort between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Cyber Crime Unit of the Florida Attorney General's Office and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. This matter is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney D. Rodney Brown.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet, as well

as identify and rescue victims. For more information on Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

The Florida Attorney General's Child Predator CyberCrime Unit is a member of the North Florida Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, a federally funded program working nationwide to educate and support.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.

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